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TONIGHT "MOTHS"

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WILL CLOSE OUT BUSINESS.

Cook & Scott Will Sell Livery and Transfer at Public Sale April 10.

Cook & Scott, the Pioneer Livery & Transfer men have announced their intention of disposing of their entire business April 10, at public sale.

The decision on their part is the result of repeated efforts by several individuals to purchase the business, it finally being decided to, as above stated, sell the entire belongings of the firm at public sale.

The business will then be continued under the firm name of H. Marple & Co., the new proprietors being a company of the present employees of the old firm.

The new firm will take charge immediately after the sale at which it is understood that they will if possible purchase the majority of the property of present owners including stocks, vehicles etc.

Messrs. Cook & Scott have not as yet declared their intentions as to the future or the nature of the business in which they will embark but it was intimated by Mr Cook that he would engage in similar business in Ohio.

The new firm is to be congratulated on the undertaking and have the best wishes of their friends for success.

Popular Entertainment.

The following program will be rendered by the young people of Bethany Baptist church and their friends at the opera house Tuesday evening, March 27:

Opening chorus. . Cecilian Glee Club
The Ten Virgins A Modern Interpretation
Song.. ..... Ella Hyford
Mrs. Piper" ..... Lulu Weddle
At the Phone" ..... Beulah Richards
Instrumental Duet ..... { Mabel Robinson / Lydia Waltner.
Lily Drill and Pantomime.
Chorus ..... Cecilian Glee Club
Reading ..... Miss Knight
Three Maids of Lee.
Mrs Doodle's Lament. Pearl Brewer
Reading ..... Miss Melick
Flag Drill ..... Eighteen Girls

More Mixup in Homestead Muddle.

The police muddle at Homestead has been still further complicated by the police committee appointment of Chairman John G Silvens, of the Citizens' faction. The Republican or Erbeck faction of council, has not yet recognized Silvens as chairman declaring his election was irregular.

Capt. Wes Noble, who was the Republican councilmen's candidate for the chief of police, was reduced to the ranks by the Silvens committee and Lieut. William Pugh was advanced to captain. John Cotter was made lieutenant. As a result of the councilmanic mixup, none of the boro employes know what to do.

Cornell Stock Co.

A large audience attended the performance of the Cornell Stock Co at the opera house last night. The bill presented was "A Boy of the Streets," a sensational drama of life in New York The play was used immensely, the amusing scenes and startling climaxes kept everybody in good humor, while the specialties between the acts were of the usual high order.

Tonight the company will present the society drama "Moths." This is a story of society life in France and Russia, and dramatized from Onida's novel of the same name.

"A Boy of the Streets" will be repeated for the Saturday matinee and the company will close their engagement Saturday night, presenting the comedy drama, "Woman's Sacrifice."

President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, has issued a call calling for a mass meeting of all the miners of the Irwin district, at Irwin, Monday, March 27.

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

Sick Room requisites at LIGHT'S

Martin Harris, of Charleroi, is a business caller in town today.

When you need drugs you need them right.—LIGHT.

J. Howard Kelly was a business visitor to Pittsburg yesterday.

Change of program at the Star Theatre tonight, best bill of the season.

School children's matinee tomorrow afternoon—"A Boy of the Streets."

Edith Montgomery, of Holidaysburg, is a business caller in town today.

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Miss Sarah Melenizer will spend this evening with friends in Belle Vernon.

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Dr. Barbon, Dentist — Teeth extracted by air or gas and full set of teeth $10.00

H. Porter, the Schoonmaker avenue jeweler, spent yesterday in Pittsburg on business.

The Apollo Chocolate candy—the candy that's different—60c a pound at Kirk's Drug store.

Wilbur, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Park, is suffering with a severe attack of indigestion.

We have some splendid values in sponges at prices from 5c to $1.50—Kirk's Drug store.

Jos. Magee, of Scenery Hill, returned home today, after a week spent with relatives here.

Light's Drug Store caters to the family needs —LIGHT'S.

Jos. Humphries and Ed McAllister of Belle Vernon, spent last evening with friends in town.

Annual congregational meeting of the United Presbyterian church tonight (8 o'clock) in Loutitt's hall.

Look over our new line of combs and hair brushes — the very best makes. Prices to suit any sized pocket book—Kirk's Drug store.

The mud shoveling method has been relegated to the rear in Carrol township, the supervisors having formulated a plan to permanently repair a mile of road each year.

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Ed. Newman, one of the young men connected with the disturbance at the local theatre Wednesday evening and who was fined $15 and costs or 30 days in jail, was taken to Greensburg on the 1:25 train today. Officer Kepple was in charge of the prisoner.

Mr. and Mrs. M H Halsey entertained a number of friends at their home on McKee avenue last night, music furnishing the principal entertainment. An elegant lunch was served about 11 o'clock Those present report a very pleasant evening.

Hungarian Boy Turns Cannibal.

Frantic cries of a nine-months old son of Thomas Bennet of 543 Bell avenue Braddock, saved it from being literally devoured by another child Wednesday afternoon. The infant was left in its crib in the kitchen of the Bennet home, while the mother was engaged in another portion of the house.

During the mother's absence, a 14-year old Hungarian boy entered the kitchen and for some unknown reason, attacked the infant. He bit three of the tiny fingers of the babe, until they were almost severed, chewed one of its hands and scratched the ball of the infant's right eye so seriously that it is feared it will lose its sight.

ENTERTAINED THE 500 CLUB.

Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boyd, on McKee Avenue, Scene of Pretty Social Event.

The 500 club one of Monessen's foremost social organizations were royally entertained last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J K. Boyd on McKee avenue.

The popular game of 500 together with music by several of the guests furnished the evenings amusements, at a late hour a most delicious lunch was served, the dining rooms being tastefully decorated for the occasion. A decidely pleasant event is reported by all. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. R G. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. W. L Leamon, Mr. and Mrs. H E. Rinehart, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. C W. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boyd, Mrs. Leathers, Misses Beatrice Hanlon, Katherine Cooper, Martha Maloy, Lee McLain, Anna Kingsley, Estella Ripple, Mary Coleman, Olive Kleinfelder, Emma Meager, Messrs. Dr. O J. Kreager, C. A. Light, J Irwin Smith, Isaac Potti, James Brodie, Mike Herald, Howard McLain.

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IF Secretary Taft is not to be appointed on the Supreme bench, it may be that the rumor was started so that Mr. Fairbanks, unhappy millionaire, could be happy for one day.

ALL descendants of Pocahontas are requested to send their names to the Jamestown celebration committee. Those who merely burn Pocahontas coal won't do.

WE cannot believe that Rockefeller is unhappy, if it be true that there are still independent coal companies to crush.

THAT West Virginian arrested for selling whiskey in bars of soap, may plead that all well regulated "bars" are supplied with whiskey.

IT appears to be this way: Dowie is still head of the church, but he has to ask "Pa" Voliva for spending money.

SOME men are born grafters, some acquire the art after hard practice and some are elected to the U. S. Senate.

The First Log Cabin in Kentucky.

Harrodsburg, the county seat of Mercer county, Ky., was the scene in the latter part of the eighteenth century of some very exciting episodes in the history of the early settlers in the young state. On June 16, 1774, Captain James Harrod of Virginia, who had brought a party of settlers to the new country, laid off a town site at Big Spring camp, where they had erected the first cabin ever built in Kentucky. They allotted to each man a half acre lot and a ten acre out lot. The town's first name was Harrodstown, but later it was changed to Harrodsburg. A clearing was made in the east end of the town boundary, and here it was that John Harman planted and raised the first corn that was known to have been grown in the state. Only a few weeks after this auspicious beginning of the town's promoters four of Harrod's men were ambushed by Indians. Jared Cowan was killed. The other men escaped, only one of them being injured.

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"Yes?"

"Zen it say he was cowed."

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JOE'S MISSIONARY

By M. J. Phillips

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Little Mary Anderson was undoubtedly pretty. She was brown and lithe. Her crinkly hair was a jumbled poem. Her big brown eyes were alight with shifting fires, merriment and mischief predominating. Joe Temple thought, once or twice, that he had surprised a tenderer light in their depths, but Mary's pert little tongue and ringing laugh promptly drove such ideas helter skelter.

Joe was a light haired viking of a fellow, with muscles like a wrestler, shoulders almost the width of the door and the best temper in the world. He was teamster at the cereal food factory where Mary worked. The little brown maid attracted him. Her duty was to pack the paper cartons in cases for shipment and nail on the light covers of the boxes. Almost every load somehow lacked one box and that the one could go to them; she didn't want him, she was sure

It was a sore hearted and very angry Joe who found himself alone soon after beneath the frosty winter stars, the snow creaking in discords beneath his feet.

"It's no use," he said to himself bitterly. "No one cares whether I'm on the water wagon or not. That girl's just been baiting me on; she doesn't care for me"—and he knew the thought was untrue while he formulated it.

"I know what I'll do I'll go down to Joe Byers' and get sloughed. No use trying to do the right thing; nothing in it M'm, but a drink will taste good!" It occurred to him that a drink would never taste as it did before he met Mary, though.

Joe's ugly reflections kept his eyes off his path, and a jolt to his shoulder brought him up standing. He had walked under an iron stairway which ascended to the second story of a quaint little brick store, an obstruction which the stream of progress had not washed away.

An arc light near by shone brightly on the seamed and grizzled wall. Absentmindedly rubbing his shoulder, he was stepping back from beneath the stairway when his eyes sensed something unusual on the wall, and he stooped to examine it

There, sheltered by the steps above from the snow and the worst of the frost, a little clump of grass, a bare four spears, clung undauntedly. The cold had withered the tips, but the heart of the plant was vigorous. No earth was visible; it flourished, apparently, on bare brick and mortar. Temple peered at the grass, which stood out in minutest detail beneath the strong electric light, until a suspicious policeman gruffly ordered him to move on.

When Joe had walked half a dozen blocks, pondering the phenomenon, he began to find a lesson in it for himself. "Why," his thoughts ran, "that little bunch of grass has got more grit than I have! It's shy a thinker to help it out even. The Lord put that seed on earth to grow. He didn't say, 'Find a nice rich soil somewhere, grow if you feel like it and quit when you get discouraged.' No, sir. He just commanded it to be what it's made to be, and, by thunder, that seed didn't ask any questions!

"And here I am," he went on in wholesome self scorn, "a great big bulking guy with brains—leastways I'm supposed to have 'em—laying down like a hound pup when things don't go to suit me. Mary, little sweetheart, that bunch o' grass was a missionary set to growing out of a brick wall just to show me what a chump I am. Well, I've found out in time. No booze for me! And if you say six years instead of six months I'll wait for you and be proud to do it" With a light heart he turned homeward.

Joe met a diminutive messenger boy at his own front gate. "Yer name Temple?" queried the youngster. "This is fer you then."

By the light of a single match he read the brief message:

Can't you come over, Joe? Maybe we can compromise. MARY.

"Hey, you!" shouted the boy in amazement as Joe, after rapturously pressing the note to his lips, rushed down the street. "Any answer?"

"Yes, but I'll deliver it myself," came back to him.

Cautiously the youth tested with strong teeth the dollar Temple had given him; then a grin overspread his wizened face, and he reached up into the frosty atmosphere as if to pull on a rope "Weddin' bells!" he commented laconically.

"OH, BUT, MARY, I HAVEN'T TOUCHED A DROP IN SIX MONTHS."

Mary was nailing, so it was natural Joe should wait for it by Mary's bench and talk while he waited.

The other girls were not slow to notice, and there were many sly little darts aimed at Joe in his absence. Mary soon learned that his besetting sin was drink The convivialty of the cup that cheers had no fascinations for him He abstained totally for months, only to fall grievously when the innate and agonizing thirst for liquor overcame him Then he drank hard and long, suffering untold remorse after his appetite had been satiated.

When bashful Joe, his acquaintance with Mary a week old, asked if he might call on the girl in her home, the clear brown eyes met his gaze frankly.

"You may, Mr. Temple," she replied, "but there is one condition If I smell liquor on your breath, it's all off." Poor Joe blushed "And don't use cloves to cover it up!" she added emphatically. "That's so cheap a trick in a man Besides, I'd know it just as quick"

Every Wednesday and Sunday evening thereafter found Joe at Mary's home, for he was soon very much in love The family liked the big fellow and made more of him than the friendly but outwardly indifferent Mary He talked politics with her father, helped her mother wind endless skeins of yarn and eased her small brother over rough places in the "three r's."

Fortnightly Joe and his sweetheart attended the dances of the Pastime Pleasure club at Hibernia hall, the teamster scrupulously sober and fairly exuding pride and happiness, while Mary's demureness was belied by the sparkle of her eyes

Twice the old insidious longing for liquor fought with Joe's love, but was worsted. For days during these periods he trembled with the manfully suppressed longing when he passed a saloon In the past he had fallen an easy victim; it was different now

For a dazzling plan was taking form in Joe's honest brain. He had the home where he lived with his aged parents repainted and papered; during the long summer evenings he shingled the kitchen and built a back porch, for he was handy with tools, and several articles of furniture had been added to the living room out of his wages or savings.

Winter had come before he finally mustered up courage to ask the question which such preparations forefended. And the answer he received was not what he had hoped.

"Oh, I daren't, Joe; I daren't!" little Mary had said, the merry eyes sober for once. "I like you, but"—her voice sank to a whisper—"suppose you got drinking again! I couldn't stand that, Joe"

"Oh, but Mary, I haven't touched a drop in six months!" he responded earnestly. "And please God, if you'll marry me I'll never take another drink."

But she still shook her head. "That isn't long enough, Joe; wait six months more."

And to all his pleading this was her answer until Joe, in a burst of disappointment and wounded pride, declared the time too long to wait for any one; there were others; now—

Mary was a girl of spirit. She tossed her brown head and commended the sulky Joseph to those "others." He

The Barometer.

That the barometer should be so important a factor in indicating meteorological conditions is to many an unsolvable mystery. There should, however, be no difficulty in understanding that the simple principle underlying the construction is that the free and unfettered air balances a column of mercury varying in height, according to the circumstances of the moment, whose average elevation at the level of the sea is thirty inches It is known, because directly ascertainable, that thirty cubic inches of mercury weigh close upon fifteen pounds avoirdupois, and therefore, as commonly expressed, the pressure of the atmosphere is, under normal conditions, fifteen pounds on every square inch—equivalent to nearly a ton on a square foot, more than eight and a half tons on a square yard and of 100 tons on a square of ten and a quarter feet side. Scientific calculation also places the aggregate weight of the atmospheric envelope surrounding the world at about 5,000,000,000,000 of tons, and this may be represented as the weight of a solid leaden ball having a diameter of sixty miles Such figures are really beyond human comprehension.

Finger Nails.

In the healthy adult the average growth of the finger nails is one thirty-second part of an inch per week. They grow faster in health than in sickness, in summer than in winter, on the right hand than on the left; fastest on the middle finger and slowest on the thumb and little finger. The finger nails are, therefore, all renewed in from 120 to 140 days. The toenails are four times longer in growing than the finger nails.

Some years ago many learned Asiatics let their finger nails grow to such an extent that it was said they often exceeded the length of the fingers, under which they sometimes bent in the strangest curves and folds. Travelers gave the length as three inches and even more. The best authorities give the extreme length to which the finger nails grow as just upon two inches, when they become corrugated and break off.

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WEBSTER NOTES.

Miss Mildred McElroy of Steubenville, Ohio, is visiting friends in town.

No appearance of "strike" here. All the mines are working full, "but for how long."

Wm. Fitch, manager of S. Barnum & Co.'s store, spent yesterday with his brother at Roscoe.

Mike Rock has removed to Bunola, where he has been promoted to section foreman by the P. & L. E.

Now get the old rusty hoe and rake out again, if for no other purpose than to practice for spring when it really does come.

H. V. Osborn has announced his intention of moving to North Dakota. He has already disposed of his valuable team of sorrels to D. Helm for a consideration of $500.

Chas. Stevens, of Monongahela, has the contract for remodeling the rooms formerly occupied by Whittlesey's barber shop, in which R. L. McMahan will reopen a first class grocery. The contract calls for early completion.

A valuable horse belonging to Andy Bergman, the milk dealer, was suddenly stricken with paralysis while driving in to Webster, yesterday, which will likely result in its death. Mr. Bergman had the animal removed to his barn, but has small hopes of saving it.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing between J. Menefee and R. E. Shibler, both of the Borough of Monessen, County of Westmoreland, State of Pennsylvania, under the firm name of Menefee & Shibler, has, this day, March 1st, A. D. 1906, been dissolved by mutual consent, the said J. Menefee retiring from said firm, and the said R. E. Shibler will hereinafter conduct said business, that of a pool room. All accounts owing to the said partnership are to be received by the said R. E. Shibler, and all debts owing by said partnership are to be presented to the said R. E. Shibler for payment at the old place of business on Fifth street.

J. MENEFEE,
R. E. SHIBLER.

Uniontown to Have a Carnival.

Uniontown is to have a carnival this year, notwithstanding the fact that the fire department and later the burgess turned down the proposition. The court of last resort, however, the borough council, on Monday night voted to grant a license to J. Frank Hatch for a carnival during the week beginning April 30 at the rate of $15 per day and $90 for the week.

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A Marriage by Proxy

[Original]

In one of the mills of the B. manufactory worked a girl named Daisy. Daisy was referred by a surname on the rolls of the company, but it was fictitious, for she was a waif, and it is doubtful if she was even entitled to be called Daisy. There was something well bred about her that led people to suspect that she had been born in high life, but if this was so the fact was never proved. She was a very pretty girl, barely sixteen, though she might have passed for much older. Everybody liked Daisy and said what a pity it was that she should have to work for her living for her delicate physique made it very hard for her.

There were two young men in the company's employ who, unknown to each other, cast longing eyes on Daisy. These were Enoch Devlin, thirty-five years old, and Philip Bowers, about twenty three. Devlin had been with the concern since he was fifteen and considered himself entitled to any responsible berth with a good income attached in the gift of the company. When, therefore, one morning it was announced that Phil Bowers was to be placed in charge of the company's interests in South America, residing at Rio de Janeiro, Enoch was green with envy. However, he smothered his wrath and congratulated Phil with every appearance of sincerity. Phil, who was a modest fellow and much surprised at his advance, knowing that Enoch stood above him in the line of promotion, was much touched with the good wishes he expressed.

There was a happy factory girl that evening when Phil Bowers called upon Daisy and asked her to go with him to South America as his wife. There was no time for preparation, for Phil was ordered to start for his new field the next evening. Indeed, the determination to send him had arisen from complications that needed to be straightened out at once.

Daisy spent half an hour before going to bed packing her meager effects and was ready to be married any time the next day. As soon as Phil could spare a moment from business preparations he hurried to the city offices to get a marriage license. He was refused without the consent of Daisy's parents or guardian, since she was not of age. Daisy had neither, but the clerk told Phil that a guardian might be appointed. Phil left the office to meet, coming down the street, Enoch Devlin. Phil made a confidant of Devlin and asked if he would serve as Daisy's guardian. Enoch colored, coughed and hesitatingly consented. Phil took him to a lawyer's office and paid a large fee to rush the matter through, then arranged with Daisy for a wedding at 6 o'clock in the evening. At 5 he was notified that Enoch Devlin was appointed Daisy's guardian, and he hurried to Enoch's rooms to get his consent to her marriage.

"Phil," said Devlin, "I have decided that it would be wrong for me to consent to the marriage of a girl two years under the legal age."

Phil was quick to take in the situation. He knew that he had been caught in a trap and without a word turned on his heel and walked away. Going straight to Daisy, he told her what had occurred.

Meanwhile it had been decided that Phil should spend a few days in New York upon a business matter before sailing. Daisy told him to leave the guardianship in her hands, and she would see what she could do. As soon as Phil had gone she wrote her guardian a note thanking him for consenting to serve and agreeing with him that she was too young to marry. Devlin, surprised, called upon her at once to gain further information. The sly puss coyly protested that a native modesty prevented her opening her heart, but delicately led him to believe that her real choice was her guardian. Enoch, thus encouraged, told her that he loved her and had acted as he had because he could not bear to see her pass to his rival.

When Devlin left Daisy she had consented to be his wife provided the matter could be put through with as much dispatch as had been intended in her marriage with Phil, pretending she was afraid Phil would return and claim her. Devlin was carried away with the idea of snatching her from the man he hated. The next day he resigned his guardianship and Daisy nominated his successor, who was appointed by the court at once.

Daisy having received the consent of her guardian to marry Phil had nothing further to do in the matter except go to New York, meet him, be married and sail with him to their new home, but Daisy proposed to punish Enoch Devlin in her own way. She appointed an hour to wed—6 o'clock in the evening, the same hour she was to have been married to Phil—and he was enjoined to be punctual.

When the hour arrived Devlin was on hand, as was the clergyman who Daisy had herself invited to perform the ceremony. When the latter came to that part of the service wherein he calls the contracting parties by name, instead of Enoch he said Philip. Devlin corrected him.

"I thought" said the parson, "that this was to be a marriage by proxy."

"It is," said Daisy. "Mr. Devlin is standing for his friend, Philip Bowers."

To picture the face of Enoch Devlin as he performed his part in the ceremony would require a pencil rather than a pen. He managed to get through it, then with a stiff bow went his way.

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Strike Seems Inevitable.

The rock of disagreement looms up ahead of the joint scale committee of miners and mine operators, which reached its third session yesterday at Indianapolis. Unless some leader is found to guide the representatives of the two industrial forces through the shoals, a strike seems inevitable.

Useless junk is being cast overboard. A scale committee of 32 members has been found too large and there was prospect when the committee met at the Claypool hotel yesterday that instead of four miners and four operators from each of the states, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, representatives from both sides in each state would be chosen for a sub-committee of sixteen. The joint scale committee, as organized, has been found to be unwieldy.

Such optimistic feeling as existed several days ago regarding the outcome of the present conference has entirely disappeared. Representatives of miners and operators say that nothing has been advanced and nothing will likely be advanced that will improve the situation over what it was when the joint convention and its committee threshed over the subject early in the year.

The great railroad interests are in power among the operators and have so far conceded nothing. The miners are equally obdurate.

The scale committee in its two sessions yesterday failed to reach the main issue—the proposition for a general increase in wages in the four bituminous competitive states. It gave attention only to the shot firers law in Illinois, which the miners maintain does not vitally concern the general issues.

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The Little Skaters

[Original]

One Saturday afternoon two little boys concluded that they would go down to the river, which was frozen near the shores, to skate. They were Tommy and Willie Bickford, aged respectively eight and six years. Taking their skates—Willie had but one—they sallied forth, and, reaching the ice Tommy put on his two skates, Willie put on his one, and they proceeded to have a good time. And they had a good time. The nipping air was full of ozone, and there was about an acre of ice that was as smooth as glass. Tommy could skate pretty well—he skated straight ahead, but he insisted on cutting "flubdubs," as he called them—Tommy's flubdubs were a figure eight and the Dutch roll—and he was continually sitting down and pointing his toes to the sky. As for his little brother, having only one skate and not knowing how to skate anyway, he bore the weight of his little body on the foot without the skate and hopped along, occasionally lifting the sole of his shoe from the ice and guiding half a dozen yards on his one skate.

The boys were so happy that they took no note of time. Just before sunset Tommy noticed a large cake of floating ice lodge just above them.

"Willie," he said, "you stay here. I'm going to have a skate on that big cake." And he started off, skating at his best speed. But Willie, ignoring his instructions, hopped along after him on his one skate, and after Tommy had skated to the farther side of the newly arrived cake he turned and saw his little brother just coming on to it. A few minutes later, looking toward the shore, he noticed that the ice was moving.

Tommy was not very old, but he knew enough to understand the danger. He made his skates fly toward his brother, motioning him to go back, but it was too late. The cake parted from the firm ice, and before Tommy reached his brother there was an impassable gap of water between the two edges.

The boys were afloat on an ice cake on a broad river, darkness coming on and the cold increasing every minute. There were but few boats passing, and they met none of these till it was too dark for them to be discovered. Willie, becoming cold, began to cry, but Tommy, feeling the responsibility of having his little brother to care for, kept a sturdy heart and, going to the edge of the ice, endeavored to attract attention. When he found that his efforts were useless he went back to Willie and, folding him in his arms, tried to keep him warm.

The moon came up slightly past the full and lighted up the bay into which the river broadened. An incoming steamer was making its way inward when the officer on the bridge called for his night glass. "Holt, I see a dark spot on that ice cake," he said to the man who handed him the glass, and, leveling it, he brought it to bear on the center of the cake. Then, lowering it, with horror on his face, he added: "Great heavens! There are two children on that cake of ice." Holt seized the glass, put it to his eye for a moment, then dashed away, shouting, "Lower the cutter!"

"Here, you, Simcox," he cried when the boat was lowered, "take the tiller!"

Simcox took the tiller as ordered, and Holt, a fine looking, muscular man, seized the stroke oar. The crew pulled away, but they had all been overworked on a hard winter passage from Gibraltar, and the tide was running out swiftly. They had pulled a few minutes when Holt noticed that they were making very poor headway. He had been away from his children for more than a year and connected them in his mind with the two on the ice cake either frozen or to be frozen if not rescued.

"I'll give every man of you," he said, "a month's extra wages if we reach the little ones and get them dead or alive."

Every oarsman bent to his work, and by dint of almost superhuman effort managed to pull the boat against the tide, which fortunately was slowly carrying the cake down stream, but unfortunately they were not in its line and were obliged to pull diagonally. This is why they must stem the tide.

They had a hard tussle, but at last made the edge of the ice cake. Holt and Simcox both jumped from the boat and ran to the center, where the children were lying perfectly quiet, the older holding the younger in his arms. Both were asleep.

"They're dead!" said Simcox.

But Holt, taking them up, gave them a vigorous shake, and both opened their eyes. He told Simcox to alternately shake and rub them, while he took a flask of diluted liquor from his pocket that he had brought for the purpose and poured some of it down the boys' throats. Tommy revived quickly, but Willie, who had been asleep longer, was pretty far gone. Holt unbuttoned his own clothing and, holding the child near to his warm flesh, wrapped his clothes about him.

It was 2 o'clock in the morning when Holt drove up in a carriage with the two boys to their home. The house was lighted, for there was no sleep for the inmates. All the parents knew was that their boys' skates were missing, and it was surmised that they had gone skating. The only further explanation was that they had been drowned. The disconsolate pair were sitting awaiting a report from the police when they heard wheels, followed by a sharp pull at the doorbell. The husband sprang up and, closely followed by his wife, darted to the door and threw it open. There stood a stalwart man with their Willie in his arms, while Tommy stood beside him.

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